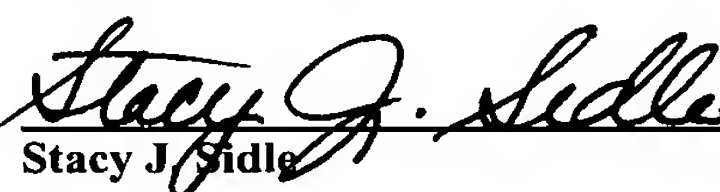


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RUBBER COMPOSITION COMPRISED)
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EMULSION POLYMERIZATION DERIVED)
TERPOLYMER RUBBER OF DIENE/VINYL)
AROMATIC COMPOUND WHICH)
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Official Action dated February 24, 2005, please make
the following amendments in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the
Applicants' invention.